



YOU'VE HEARD IT SAID (Part 3) - "Where We Find Ourselves"

Matthew 5:6 NIV

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Matthew 6:33 NIV

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,

2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Key Points

- *We find ourselves at the end of our desires, so we need a foundation that can support the weight of them.*
- *We will be filled with what we are hungry for.*
- *We create systems driven by some value. The problem is that the systems we create are often built on values that aren't the highest value.*
- *We are designed to live in relationship with one another under the rule of God's love where the currency of this system is trust.*
- *The authority of God's Kingdom isn't threatened by the systems of this world.*
- *Jesus is the good that sources all other good, and we have to learn to hunger and thirst for this good.*

READ

Open your time together by reading the Scripture passages on Page 1. Then, take a moment to consider what you just read:

- Read Isaiah 9:6-7. How did Jesus usher in a new system to govern the world? What serves as the foundation of this system?
- Read Matthew 5:6 and Matthew 6:33. How do these verses encourage us to reorder our priorities and values in a world that often emphasizes different pursuits?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. What significance does the phrase "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us" hold for believers? How does the verse describe the exchange that takes place through Christ's sacrifice?

REFLECT

- Consider the statement, "We will be filled with what we are hungry for." What are the primary things you find yourself hungering for in your life, and how do these desires shape your choices and actions?
- Reflect on the statement, "Jesus is the good that sources all other good." How does your understanding of Jesus as the ultimate source of goodness influence your daily pursuits and priorities?

RESPOND

- What things have access to your head and heart, and what systems monitor this access?
- What kinds of words come out of your mouth most easily? How careful are you with how your words affect others?
- Where are you prone to use words to manipulate, preserve, project, or protect a perception? Where are you prone to twist the words of others to get your way or prove your point?
- What kinds of allegiances do you hold that work against reconciliation?

PRAY

Close your time together with prayer requests. Ask how you can pray, support, and lift one another up. Pray over these requests collectively or by breaking into prayer partners.